

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An electronic device comprising:

a display panel for displaying an image;

first and second sound output units for

5 outputting sounds in stereo in response to displaying the image;

a pivoting member for pivoting said display panel;

10 a detection member for detecting that a display screen of said display panel is physically set in a predetermined direction by a pivoting operation of said pivoting member; and

15 a control unit for outputting a sound, which is to be output from said first sound output unit, from said second sound output unit, and outputting a sound, which is to be output from said second sound output unit, from said first sound output unit when said detection member detects that the display screen of said display panel is set in the predetermined
20 direction.

2. The device according to claim 1, wherein said control unit outputs a sound, which is to be output from said first sound output unit, from said second sound output unit, and outputs a sound, which is to be
25 output from said second sound output unit, from said first sound output unit when the display screen of said

display panel becomes substantially parallel to a panel support surface of said electronic device on which said display panel is supported and set in a direction in which the display screen of said display panel can be seen.

3. The device according to claim 1, wherein said control unit outputs a sound, which is to be output from said first sound output unit, from said second sound output unit, and outputs a sound, which is to be output from said second sound output unit, from said first sound output unit when the display screen of said display panel pivots through substantially 180° from a state where the display screen of said display panel is closed with respect to a panel support surface of said electronic device on which said display panel of said electronic device is supported.

4. The device according to claim 1, wherein said first sound output unit is an L-channel speaker, and said second sound output unit is an R-channel speaker.

5. The device according to claim 1, wherein a display screen of said display panel is a liquid crystal display.

6. The device according to claim 1, further comprising an operation member which is arranged on a front surface of a body of said electronic device to operate said electronic device.

7. A method of controlling an electronic device for outputting first and second sound signals in response to displaying an image, said method comprising:

5 a detection step of detecting that a display screen for displaying the image is physically set in a predetermined direction by a pivoting operation;

10 a controlling step of outputting said first sound signal, which is to be output to first sound output unit, to second sound output unit, and outputting said second sound signal, which is to be output to said second sound output unit, to said first sound output unit in accordance with a detection that said display screen is set in the predetermined direction.

15 8. A method according to claim 7, wherein said electronic device comprising an operation member which is arranged on a front surface of a body of said electronic device to operate said electronic device.

20 9. A storage medium in which is stored a program for causing an electronic device to execute processing for outputting first and second sound signals in response to displaying an image, said program comprising:

a process of detecting that a display screen for displaying the image is physically set in a predetermined direction by a pivoting operation;

25 a process of outputting said first sound signal, which is to be output to first sound output unit, to

second sound output unit, and outputting said second sound signal, which is to be output to said second sound output unit, to said first sound output unit in accordance with a detection that said display screen is set in the predetermined direction.

10. A storage medium according to claim 9, wherein said electronic device comprising an operation member which is arranged on a front surface of a body of said electronic device to operate said electronic device.

11. A program for causing an electronic device to execute processing for outputting first and second sound signals in response to displaying an image, said program comprising:

a process of detecting that a display screen for displaying the image is physically set in a predetermined direction by a pivoting operation;

a process of outputting said first sound signal, which is to be output to first sound output unit, to second sound output unit, and outputting said second sound signal, which is to be output to said second sound output unit, to said first sound output unit in accordance with a detection that said display screen is set in the predetermined direction.

12. A storage medium according to claim 11, wherein said electronic device comprising an operation member which is arranged on a front surface of a body of said

electronic device to operate said electronic device.

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